



## South Texas Researcher

February 2017

### Texana / Genealogy



#### San Antonio Public Library Texana / Genealogy

Find Texana / Genealogy online by visiting [mysapl.org/texana](http://mysapl.org/texana). Here you will find the *On this day in San Antonio* blog, past issues of *South Texas Researcher*, information about upcoming classes and guides to help you in your genealogy research.

Texana / Genealogy Department is located on the sixth floor of the Central Library, 600 Soledad 78205. The department is open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays:

Tuesday	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Wednesday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday	12:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm



#### Library Guides from Texana / Genealogy

The Library Guides are subject bibliographies with a current twist-databases, websites, event schedule, blogs, as well as books. The department now has the following guides on the library's website under *Resources*:

- Cemeteries
- Civil War
- Civil War in Texas
- Death
- Family History
- HeritageQuest Online
- Hispanic Genealogical Research
- Jewish Genealogy
- King James Bible
- La Meri
- Local History
- Texas History
- The Wild West
- Special Collections
- World War I



## Using American Ancestors

Learn how to use the library genealogy database American Ancestors hosted by the New England Historic Genealogical Society and see how it can help you in doing family history research.

Registration is required.

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Central Library Training Room**  
600 Soledad Street  
Call 210.207.2500 for more information.



## Preserving Family Treasures

Do you have a quilt, family Bible, photographs, or other objects that have been passed on in your family for years or generations? Would you like to know how to protect them for future generations? This workshop is designed to provide the simplest and best methods to help preserve such objects.

Registration is required.

**Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 10:30 p.m.**

**Central Library Texana Department**  
600 Soledad Street  
Call 210.207.2500 for more information.



## African American Genealogy

Interested in looking for your African American roots? Wondering how to begin? Join us and discover how to start the journey. Find out what databases, books and resources are out there to help you uncover your family history. Registration is required.

**Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Carver Branch Library**

3350 E. Commerce Street

Call 210.207.2500 for more information.



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## New Publications

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Official History of the Improved Order of Red Men  
GENEALOGY 366 LINDSAY

In Search of Your German Roots: A Complete Guide to Tracing Your Ancestors in the Germanic Areas of Europe  
GENEALOGY 929.1 BAXTER

The Ultimate Search Book: U.S. Adoption, Genealogy & Other Search Secrets  
GENEALOGY 929.1072 CARANGELO

First Mètis Families of Quebec, Vols. 1-4  
GENEALOGY 971 MÈTIS

Survey of Irwin County, GA, Cemeteries: A Survey and Index of the Irwin County Cemeteries With Detailed Location Description...  
GENEALOGY 975.8 IRWIN

Worth County, Georgia, Marriage Records Index, 1854 to 1952  
GENEALOGY 975.8 WORTH

Family Maps of Citrus County, Florida: With Homesteads, Roads, Waterways, Towns, Cemeteries, Railroads, and More  
GENEALOGY 975.9 CITRUS

Family Maps of Holmes County, Florida: With Homesteads, Roads, Waterways, Towns, Cemeteries, Railroads, and More  
GENEALOGY 975.9 HOLMES

Family Maps of Jackson County, Florida: With Homesteads, Roads, Waterways, Towns, Cemeteries, Railroads, and More  
GENEALOGY 975.9 JACKSON

Family Maps of Logan County, Florida: With Homesteads, Roads, Waterways, Towns, Cemeteries, Railroads, and More  
GENEALOGY 975.9 LOGAN

Family Maps of Morgan County, Florida: With Homesteads, Roads, Waterways, Towns,  
Cemeteries, Railroads, and More  
GENEALOGY 975.9 MORGAN

Family Maps of Otero County, Florida: With Homesteads, Roads, Waterways, Towns,  
Cemeteries, Railroads, and More  
GENEALOGY 975.9 OTERO

Family Maps of Ouray County, Florida: With Homesteads, Roads, Waterways, Towns,  
Cemeteries, Railroads, and More  
GENEALOGY 975.9 OURAY

Family Maps of Santa Rosa County, Florida: With Homesteads, Roads, Waterways, Towns,  
Cemeteries, Railroads, and More  
GENEALOGY 975.9 SANTA ROSA

Family Maps of Suwanee County, Florida: With Homesteads, Roads, Waterways, Towns,  
Cemeteries, Railroads, and More  
GENEALOGY 975.9 SUWANEE

From Vision to Reality: A History of Bella Vista Village, 1915-1993  
GENEALOGY 976.7 BENTON

French and British Land Grants in the Post Vincennes (Indiana) District, 1750-1784  
GENEALOGY 977.2 KNOX

Family Maps of Adams County, Colorado: With Homesteads, Roads, Waterways, Towns,  
Cemeteries, Railroads, and More  
GENEALOGY 978.8 ADAMS

Family Maps of Bent County, Colorado: With Homesteads, Roads, Waterways, Towns,  
Cemeteries, Railroads, and More  
GENEALOGY 978.8 BENT

Family Maps of Turner County, Colorado: With Homesteads, Roads, Waterways, Towns,  
Cemeteries, Railroads, and More  
GENEALOGY 978.8 TURNER

A Civil War History of the New Mexico Volunteers & Militia  
GENEALOGY 978.904 THOMPSON

VIA Vision 2040 Long Range Plan  
TEXANA 388.40976 VIA

Bits & Spurs: Motifs, Techniques and Modern Makers  
TEXANA 685.10922 MARTIN

Julian Onderdonk: A Catalogue Raisonne  
TEXANA 759.13 ONDERDONK

Prehistoric Artifacts of the Texas Indians  
TEXANA 970.4 DAVIS

INDians of the Upper Texas Coast  
TEXANA 976.401 ATEN

Pioneering Archaeology in the Texas Coastal Bend: The Pape-Tunnell Collection

TEXANA 976.4113 TUNNELL

Along the Century Trail (Early History of Tyler, Texas)  
TEXANA 976.4163 AUSTIN

Courts of the Order of the Alamo, 1940-1959  
TEXANA 976.4351 COURTS

Dickens County: Its Land and People  
TEXANA 976.4741 DICKENS

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## Community Partners



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### Los Bexareños Genealogical and Historical Society

Meetings are normally held at 9:30 a.m. at the Central Library Auditorium. Visitors are welcome to attend. Membership is not required. Speakers at the meetings are people with a passion for history, professional historians, genealogists, archaeologists and researchers.

**Date:** February 4, 2017

**Speaker:** Sylvia Reyna

**Topic:** A Virtual Tour of the Texana/Genealogy Department

The Texana/Genealogy department is a reference-only collection within the San Antonio Public Library comprised of books, microfilm, microfiche, maps, newspaper clippings, oral histories, periodicals, personal narratives, photographs, postcards, posters and more. Our cultural heritage is captured through these various types of records. The subject matter predominately deals with Texas history, traditions, culture, and family genealogy. The Gloria Cadena Hispanic Genealogy collection is a large part of the treasures in Texana.

Ms. Reyna is a Librarian/Archivist in the San Antonio Public Library's Texana/Genealogy department. She became a Certified Archivist in 2015 and received an MLS from the University of North Texas State in 2007. Additionally, she has a Master's Degree in Anthropology from Wichita State University in Kansas and a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology from the University of the Incarnate Word. For almost 20 years, Ms. Reyna's career background was predominately archaeological, a field where she had the opportunity to work with and understand the importance of collecting and preserving historical records. Becoming a librarian, and now an archivist, in the Texana/Genealogy department, has been a perfect segue from a world of maintaining physical history, to a world of maintaining written history, allowing Ms. Reyna the opportunity to continue with her life-long passion for preservation. She is a third-generation San Antonian and has been with the library since 2005 and Texana/Genealogy since 2007.

#### **Help for the beginning genealogists:**

The Society assists individuals in getting started with genealogical research through beginner's workshops. Beginners also receive assistance from the more experienced members of the Society.

Contact one of the following individuals by email or phone to schedule an appointment:



## Canary Islands Descendants Association

The Canary Islands Descendants Association's monthly meetings are open to the public. Association membership is not required to attend. There is a guest speaker at each meeting that shares information about historical events, facts or other related information on Texas, San Antonio or the Canary Islands.

### Event Details:

- Every third Saturday between January 21, 2017 and November 18, 2017
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Free

### Venue:

- San Fernando Hall
- 231 West Commerce Street
- San Antonio, TX 78205
- 210-538-0905

### EVENT PRESENTED BY:

- Canary Islands Descendants Association
- [cida.satx@gmail.com](mailto:cida.satx@gmail.com)
- <http://www.cida-sa.org>



### San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society

In addition to Beginner and Intermediate Genealogy classes, the San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society is offering its Sunday afternoon *How to Find Out Who You Are* classes. Cost is \$5.00 for members, \$10 for non-members. Call 210.342.5242 or click on the "Ask Us" button on the website for reservations.

With over 16,500 volumes, 600+ maps, a large vertical file collection and internet access to several great databases, the SAG&HS Library is one of the best private repositories of genealogical and historical material in South Texas.

The San Antonio Genealogical & Historical Society Library is located at 911 Melissa Drive, off Blanco Rd, outside Loop 410 and is open Monday 10am - 4pm, Wednesday 10 am -9pm, Saturday 10am - 4pm and Sunday 1 - 5pm. Members research free. Non-members may research for a \$5.00 donation per day. Tours of the library are free. For more information, visit [www.txsaghs.org](http://www.txsaghs.org)



**1000 Parks and a Line in the Sky**  
[The Institute of Texan Cultures](#)  
21 October 2016 - 16 April 2017



"1000 Parks and a Line in the Sky: Broadway, Avenue of the Future," is a design vision by Antonio Petrov, UTSA assistant professor of architecture, and the "think/do-tank" he has established

in the College of Architecture, Construction and Planning. The exhibit features a 50-foot-long model of Broadway, a street that has the potential to become San Antonio's great urban avenue.

Recent developments on Broadway, such as the Museum Reach and the Pearl, and renewed interest in the street's future have generated much discussion about what becoming an "urban" city actually means. In its present state, however, nearly fifty percent of Broadway's urban landscape is flanked by parking space while nearly all spaces along the corridor are tied to businesses, leaving almost no public space for people to gather as citizens without being consumers.

Petrov has conducted extensive research on Broadway and proposes a linear park system, comprised of unused interstitial spaces found along the street, and a skyride that connects the airport to Travis Park. Many residents and visitors to San Antonio remember experiencing the city from the sky between the 1960s and 1990s on the Brackenridge Park skyride. Inspired by this local history, he explores possible future directions for urban development, public parks, and alternative transportation systems using the Broadway corridor as a model.

The interactive installation focuses on public input, while associated public events, roundtable discussions, photo collection events, and educational programming will bridge the past and future of Broadway to help the community imagine its new identity. Visitors are also able to experience a nostalgic moment by taking a seat in a gondola from the original Brackenridge skyride.

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## Texans One and All

### [The Institute of Texan Cultures](#)

Texans One and All examines the stories and customs of more than 20 of the original cultural groups who settled in Texas. It is the people that make Texas the great state that it is. Guests will:



- Learn Wendish wedding customs
- Read the story of the Lebanese pack peddler
- Learn to write Chinese numbers
- Hear the stories of Japanese American intern camp detainees
- See the Czech polka
- Hear the blowing of the Jewish shofar
- Read the stories of black Texans including baseball player Frank Robinson and Pearl Harbor hero Doris Miller
- See how early Swedish Texans lived
- Walk through today's Tejano story
- Learn what Danish Texan sculpted Mount Rushmore

And much more! The exhibit will change as the museum updates content and specific areas of the exhibit floor.



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San Antonio Museum of Art

**National Geographic  
Earth Explorers**  
24 Sept. 2016 - 22 Jan. 2017

**Parlour Games: Ruloff Kip's  
Toy Theatre**  
6 July 2016 - 6 Feb. 2017

**Carlos Merida: Selections  
from the Permanent  
Collection**  
8 July 2016 - 29 Jan. 2017

**Jennifer Steinkamp: Botanic 3**  
30 Aug. 2016 - 8 January 2017

**Telling Tales: Contemporary  
Narrative Photography**  
28 Sept. 2016 - 15 Jan. 2017

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## News





## Oklahoma Birth and Death Indices Now Online



Ok2Explore is a free searchable index of births and deaths that occurred in the state of Oklahoma. Included is limited information on births occurring more than 20 years ago and deaths occurring more than 5 years ago. Visitors to the site may search the index using any combination of the subject's name, date of event (birth or death), county of event, and sex of the subject.

The web site is available to everyone free of charge. However, keep in mind the site contains INDEXES, not all the information from these records. Once you have determined that a record of interest is on file, you are welcome to apply for a certified copy of that file. The certified copies cost money but do include all available information from the original records.

You can access the new Oklahoma State Vital Records Index at <https://ok2explore.health.ok.gov>.

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## Tarrant County Marriage Records

Marriage records for Tarrant County, Texas have been made accessible through the County Clerk's office for free.

You can access the new marriage license search [HERE](#).

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## Back Up Your Genealogy Files!

It is the first of the month. It's time to back up your genealogy files. Then test your backups!

Actually, you can make backups at any time. However, it is easier and safer if you have a specific schedule. The first day of the month is easy to remember, so I would suggest you back up your genealogy files at least on the first day of every month, if not more often. Of course, you might want to back up more than your genealogy files. Family photographs, your checkbook register, all sorts of word processing documents, email messages, and much more need to be backed up regularly. Why not do that on the first day of each month?

### How Many Backup Copies of Important Files Do You Need?

Here's the old data center 3-2-1 rule-of-thumb for backing up:

- 3 copies of anything you care about - Two isn't enough if it's important.
- 2 different formats - Example: Dropbox plus DVDs or Hard Drive plus Memory Stick or CD plus Crash Plan, or more
- 1 off-site backup - If the house burns down, how will you get your memories back?



## From the Archives

### WHEN SAN ANTONIO WAS A MUDHOLE

To the Editor of *San Antonio Express*:

Thirty-seven years ago I was a reader of *The Weekly Express*; living at that time on my ranch, eight miles south of Stockdale in Wilson County.

At that time the mail came overland in a two-horse hack from San Antonio to Stockdale, three times a week. After the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad was built through Wilson, County, Stockdale's mail came overland from Floresville daily. Shortly after this I moved my family to Stockdale, to send my children to school. Then I dropped the *Weekly* and took the *Daily Express*. I moved from Stockdale to San Antonio sixteen years ago, still reading *The Express*.

I wish to call the attention of the *The Express'* readers to my first trip to San Antonio, with three four-hour wagonloads of wool. It began raining on me at the Salado at about 12:30 in the afternoon. It was 9:30 p.m. when I drove into Alameda's campyard on East Commerce Street. It was still raining the next morning.

Mr. Alameda came out of his store, wanted to know my price for my wool, which was 22¢ a pound, and offered 20¢ a pound after he had sampled the wool. I hitched up and started out in the rain for the Market Plaza, at that time located where the City Hall now stands. Two blocks east of where Joske's store stands my lead wagon bogged down. We had to unload and carry the woolsacks to a dry place on the sidewalk. The sticky black mud rolled three inches up my bootlegs. I was in no humor to say the Lord's Prayer when Alameda came along and made this proposition:

He owned three lots on the 400 block of East Commerce Street, on a corner lot. He told me he would give me 22½¢ for my wool if I would allow him \$300 for the corner lot and \$250 for the other two lots. I informed the gentleman I would not give him one sack of wool for all three of his lots in this mudhole town, and if God would forgive me, I never wanted to come back. But I could not resist the temptation. I did come back; I kept coming back and eventually moved to good old Santone.

T. M. Turner  
127 East Theo Avenue, San Antonio.

***San Antonio Daily Express*, 22 July 1923, p. 20.**



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- March 2017 by February 15
- April 2017 by March 15
- May 2017 by April 15

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